

Calverley Urban District Council.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ending December 31st, 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Calverley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Village for 1925.

During the first quarter of the year there was very little sickness except Influenza amongst the adults, the children being almost immune. The second quarter, however, was the exact opposite, adults being very free from anything of a serious or epidemic nature, but Measles was epidemic amongst the school children, necessitating the closing of the Council Schools from May 8th till June 8th and the Church Schools from May 18th till June 8th.

The third quarter saw very little sickness amongst all persons.

The fourth quarter saw a fair amount of Rheumatism, Bronchitis and Influenza, which, however, was not epidemic nor serious.

Taking the year as a whole there has been rather more sickness than usual, the Measles amongst the children being the chief cause. The aged people have been affected much more than others.

Population.

The population, according to the Registrar General is 3,363, a decrease of 45 compared with 1924.

Births.

There were 47 Births registered during 1925, 25 Males and 22 Females, two of these were illegitimate. The Birth Rate is 13.9 per 1,000 of the population for the year, that for England and Wales being 18.3.

Mortality.

There were 35 Deaths registered during 1925, 20 Males and 15 Females. Six of these occurred in institutions outside the Village and one suicide, the Death Rate being 10.4 per 1,000, that for England and Wales being 12.2 per 1,000 of the population.

Causes of Death.

Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Tuberculosis.	Cancer.	Diabetes.
1	2	2	3	1
Apoplexy.	Heart Disease.	Arterio Sclerosis.	Bronchitis.	Pneumonia.
3	6	2	3	2
Nephritis.	Senile Decay.	Suicide.	Premature Birth.	
1	7	1	1	

There were two Inquests.

The average age at death was 54 years.

Deaths occurred at the following ages :—

Under 1 year.	1 to 3 years.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.
1	2	1	1	2
40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.
3	6	10	7	2

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Infantile Mortality.

There was one case due to Premature Birth. This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate of 21.3 per 1,000 Births registered, that of England and Wales being 75.

Zymotic Diseases.

There were 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Diphtheria, all of whom were removed to the Fever Hospital. The Diphtheria case died. All the Scarlet Fever cases recovered.

There were 4 cases of Erysipelas, but two persons only were affected, each having the disease twice in the twelve months. As already stated, Measles was epidemic.

Nuisances.

Two have been reported to me, and as soon as I called the attention of the owners of the property they were remedied.

Scavenging.

This has been very well attended to.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

These are mostly in good repair, clean, well ventilated and comply with the Act. There has been no shortage of Milk, which has been of a good quality.

Slaughterhouses.

These I have visited, and they comply with the Act.

Mills, Workshops and Bakehouses.

I have from time to time visited these, and always found them to comply with the Act.

Canal Boats.

These have been inspected, and without exception are in excellent order.

Caravans.

These remain stationary in number. They are kept clean, both inside and the ground around.

Water.

There has been a considerable improvement in the supply since the pipes were cleaned, and complaints have been very few. The reddish brown colour of the water which was present a while since was not detrimental to anyone, being probably only rust from the inside of the pipes.

Roads.

The roads are very much improved, being now almost up to our pre-war standard. The lighting is a great improvement, and much appreciated by all, especially by those who are compelled to use the roads late on in the nights.

Dangerous Buildings.

I would like to call your attention once more to the very dangerous state of the buildings on the Green, and ask that the owner of the property be compelled to demolish same, without further delay.

Burial Ground.

I am pleased to be able to state that a step further has been reached in the provision of an extension of the present Burial Ground (which is almost fully occupied). A Committee representative of the Urban District Council and all places of religion has been formed, which has met and thoroughly gone into the matter, and decided to canvas the whole village for subscriptions towards paying for the new land, enclosing it, and if sufficient money is raised, laying it out and having it consecrated. This is a very necessary provision, and I trust that everyone will make it their duty to see that the whole matter can and will be accomplished without further delay.

Vaccination Report.

Number of Children due to be Vaccinated.	Number Vaccinated.	Remarks by Registrar.
27	16	
Number of Exemptions Claimed.	Number Postponed on Health Account.	Average much improved.
10	1	

I would like to say that in my opinion there are still far too many exemptions granted, and I would impress upon those responsible for the granting of same the great influence they have in reducing this number, and I trust they will use their influence for the safety of the public in general and that we shall have a 100 per cent. vaccinations and no exemptions in the future.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would like to congratulate you upon the general improvement of the Sanitary Conditions of the Village, and hope that this will be maintained and still further improved upon.

I have the honour to remain, Gentleman,

Your obedient Servant,

NORMAN HUGHES,

Medical Officer of Health.

SHAFTSBURY HOUSE,
CALVERLEY,
April, 1926.

